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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN IBA MEETINGS

REF: STATE 236675 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED GOA PARTICIPATION IN OCT. 28-31 IBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IN KINGSTON AND NOV. 4-8 IBA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN GEORGETOWN WITH LAWLESS, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MORE SENIOR DFA OFFICERS ABSENT). AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION TO GEORGETOWN WILL BE COMPRISED OF: HON. JAMES FORD CAIRNS, M.P., DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE; DOUGLAS H. MCKAY, O.B.E., SECRETARY (PERMANENT HEAD), DEPT. OF OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT); J.C. INGRAM, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA (ALSO ACCREDITED TO JAMAICA AND GUYANA); JOHN WATSON, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, KINGSTON; R.N. TOWNSEND, DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPT. OF MINERALS AND ENERGY; BRIAN HILL, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DOT; JOHN GLENN, DOT. DELEGATION TO KINGSTON MEETING WILL BE SAME, EXCEPT FOR DR. CAIRNS WHO WILL ATTEND ONLY MINISTERIAL SESSIONS IN GEORGETOWN.

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2. LAWLESS STATES THESE INITIAL MEETINGS WILL DEAL ALMOST WHOLLY WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS OF SETTING UP IBA SECRETARIAT. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, SUCH AS "HARMONIZATION" OF MEMBER GOVERNMENT'S BAUXITE POLICIES, UNLIKELY TO BE DEALT WITH IN DEPT, LAWLESS PREDICTS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION THESE MEETINGS LIKELY TO BE GUIDED BY GOA'S (AND PARTICULARLY CAIRNS') DESIRE TO BE SEEN AS SUPPORTER OF "LEGITIMATE" INTERESTS OF MINERAL EXPORTERS, PARTICULARLY LDC'S. WHILE GOA DOES NOT INTEND TO ACT AS "TROJAN HORSE" FOR CONSUMER COUNTRIES, WE EXPECT THAT AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WOULD SEEK TO MODERATE ANY IBA MOVES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO "CONFRONTATION" WITH BAUXITE IMPORTERS. GREEN

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